

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB

BULLETIN



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Tunisia TS7C
By
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Join us at

The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd

Feb 25, 2009

Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Program: Bob N6OX DXpedition TS7C in Tunisia



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From the Prez.....

Glenn Rattmann K6NA

Gang,

Cycle 24... Wait—It's 23!

Sure enough, as of Friday the 13th another sunspot is trying to pop up in the past couple of days, but it is apparently of polarization and location which indicates it belongs with Cycle 23, and not the new cycle. So it seems we continue to get some of each, now and then. In watching the flux, A, and K numbers lately I've noted a couple of instances of A and K both reported at zero. I don't always notice that 80/160 meter bands are necessarily better when this happens, but at times they are. During the CQ 160 meter CW contest in late January, the band opened to Europe quite well from the west coast, and it was fun snagging some of them.

Desecheo Island, K5D

This long-awaited expedition fired up on Friday the 13th and they are active on many bands already. I believe it has been 15 years since a substantial effort has been made from this rare island, so this should be a new one for many of our members. Enjoy!

Tower Ordinance Issue

At the January meeting, the membership voted to continue pursuing a reasonable outcome to the San Diego City tower ordinance revision issue. Your BOD is keeping watch on this, along with our attorney.

During the week of February 11, we learned that the City planning group seems to be moving on this issue fairly quickly. I should be able to give you a significant update at this month's meeting, as we keep abreast of the situation and develop ways to give them more input towards a good outcome.

In related matters, our member Bob, K6DEX recently received a favorable ruling from the City of Oceanside regarding his permit for his LM-354 tower. Also, in Palmdale a judge has ruled in court, in favor of WB6X. He is the gentleman who had his legitimate tower permit revoked by the City, which forced him to take down the tower. He now will be allowed to erect the tower again.

Fund Raising

Most of the November pledges have been received by Treasurer N6VS, and we hope the rest will come through! Now that we are in Phase II of the process, there will be additional costs for the attorney. I encourage all members to contribute to the fund, as you see fit. All donations are welcome, even small ones! Please consider a contribution, as your budget allows. Also, we are seeking contributions from other clubs or individuals in the area to help cover Phase II. The outcome of this process will affect amateur radio in the San Diego area for many years to come, so please help it be a positive one!

See you all on the low end, and at the next meeting.

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!



TREASURER'S REPORT

MEETING MINUTES

Leon Helms N6VS

Treasurers Report:

Corrected report for December
Balance as of December 1, 2008: \$4668.09

Income:
2009 membership renewals 20.00
Contributions to legal fund 300.00 was 320.00

Expenses:
0.00
Balance as of December 31, 2008 4988.09
Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00
Balance Checking/Petty Cash \$5008.09

Balance as of January 1, 2009: \$4988.09

Income:
2009 membership renewals 240.00
Contributions to legal fund 400.00

Expenses:
Returned check fee 26.00
W6PT renewal 19.30
Balance as of January 31, 2009 5582.79
Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00
Balance Checking/Petty Cash \$5602.79

As of February 11, the 2009 renewals due are:

KU6A, K6AIL, WH6ASW, N6AW, WA4CHI, W6CN, N7CW, N6CW, K6DLV, JA1FRQ, K6GO, K6JL, K6JRF, W6KUT, WA6L, K6MC, KB5MY, K6MY, W6NOW, N0RR, KG6SXY, K6TQ, W6TUR, NF6V, W6VNR, W6WU, AE6XG, NG6Z, WA9ZWL.

San Diego DX Club

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road. President Glenn Rattman, K6NA called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 43 members and guests present.

The SDDXC Rookie of the year award was given to John, WA6L for the most new countries worked in 2008. Nominations are being accepted for the Dxer of the Year award to be presented at Visalia.

Our president, K6NA gave a report on the status of our actions regarding the proposed San Diego tower ordinance. Phase 1, the engagement of the land use lawyer to prepare a document showing the defects in the proposed ordinance has been completed. SANDARC has agreed reimburse the club the \$1000 lawyers fee. Glenn presented the boards recommendation that we proceed with phase 2 – to retain the same lawyer to monitor the city's actions and respond as needed. The lawyer has agreed to limit his bill for these services to \$5000. The monies already collected will be applied towards phase 2 and the board will organize fund raising among the other San Diego clubs. The club voted unanimously to proceed with phase 2. Arnie, W7BIA and Bob WA4CHI agreed to assist the board with the fund raising efforts if needed.

John, K6AM, presented the top-ten list for 10 and 40 meters.

Merv, N6NO provided the evening's program with an entertaining presentation of his recent Dxpedition to Easter Island.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 9:14.



THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 10 METERS

2/09	2/08	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1	1.	KM6K	329	338	338	-	
2	2.	W6EUF	316	323	332	-	
3	3.	W6YA	40	?	?	331	+6
4	4.	N6AW	40	312	322	322	-
5.	5.	N6CW	40	?	289	320	-
6	6.	N6ND	40	238	243	320	-
7	7.	K6AM	313	318	319	+1	
8.	8.	W6KUT	40	264	264	302	-
9.	10.	W6YOO	39	286	290	290	+1
10.	-.	W6YI	40	240	245	276	NEW

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 40 METERS

2/09	2/08	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1	1.	W6YA	40	331	339	342	+3
2.	2.	N6ND	40	271	276	336	+1
3	3.	W6KUT	40	325	326	334	-
4.	6.	K6AM		322	326	330	+3
5	4.	W6EUF		310	315	327	-
6.	5.	N6AW	40	317	323	324	-
7.	7.	N6CW	40	?	276	323	-
8	10.	K6XT		256	262	318	+35
9.	9.	N7CW		273	273	316	+4
10.	8.	K6TQ	40	294	294	294	-

Not much movement in the standings, but some healthy gains in the CFM column as we get caught up on our QSL'ing. Our 40 meter champ, Jim, W6YA holds on handily to the top spot that he should be able to keep for several more years. Ten, of course is sound asleep most of the time. I don't think we'll see much action for the next 2 – 3 years. But 40 has been as good as ever. There were some big expeditions recently and we should see a bit of movement here by next time as reports begin coming in. We hope you got all the ones that are workable.

Congrats this month go out to our 2008 Rookie of the Year, John Graf, WA6L. John worked more all time new ones this past year than any other reporting member. Good work, OM!

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 80, 20, 15 meters, and then the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

Oklahoma Hams Warn of Oncoming Tornadoes

(taken from the ARRL web page)

A rare winter tornado struck Oklahoma around dinner time on Tuesday, February 10. According to various news reports, Oklahoma officials credited Amateur Radio operators with spotting the tornadoes and relaying the information to the National Weather Service.

ARRL Oklahoma Section Emergency Coordinator Charles Goodson, KC5UEG, told the ARRL that the Southern Oklahoma ARES® group ([SOARES](#)) and other Amateur Radio operators from the Ardmore area served as SKYWARN® storm spotters. "After the tornado passed Lone Grove and Ardmore, several hams went back to the Lone Grove area," Goodson said. "One ham went to the Red Cross building and set up a communication command post from the Red Cross radio room. It was amateur operators who had the first visual contact with the tornadoes. They started reporting the tornado to Neil Mayo, KC5AMX, the Emergency Coordinator for Murray County and our Net control for severe weather events; he in turn reports to the National Weather Service in Norman via Amateur Radio."

The town of Lone Grove, population 4600 and located about 100 miles south of Oklahoma City, bore the brunt of the storm, with the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) reporting eight deaths and more than 100 homes destroyed. Two other tornadoes hit the Oklahoma City metro area and the north-central Oklahoma region late Tuesday. No serious injuries were reported in the Oklahoma City storm, but at least six homes were destroyed and businesses were damaged there, ODEM officials said.

ARRL Oklahoma Section Public Information Coordinator Kevin O'Dell, N0IRW, told the ARRL that his Ardmore home survived the tornado, but they are without power, water and other services. Other homes in his neighborhood were completely destroyed. Oklahoma Gas and Electric reported about 6000 customers are currently without power, with 3461 in Lone Grove.

Well-known contestor Tim Duffy, K3LR, told the ARRL that he lost 40 percent of his home as a tornado blew through his town of Edmond, a suburb of Oklahoma City: "We lost all the doors and windows in the house, all the power, just everything. The damage is amazing. The cell phone system is still 'on tilt' with emergency services taking most of the channels. We're making big progress on getting things sorted out here. We will rebuild and make it better than it was before. With the house in complete disrepair, we'll be staying in a hotel for a while."

Duffy said that National Weather Service officials told him that the wind speed at his home was more than 150 MPH. While the family dog, a golden retriever, made it through the storm okay, Duffy said their pet cat is still missing. According to emergency management officials in Edmond, six homes were destroyed in the storm.

This storm took many by surprise because even in tornado-prone Oklahoma, February twisters are rare. According to the NWS, since 1950, only 44 twisters have touched down in the state during the month of February. The Lone Grove tornado was the third to cause multiple fatalities in the state since March 2007, when a Panhandle couple became the state's first tornado deaths in almost six years.

Club Checkpoints, DX Awards

As a service to members, helping to avoid having to send your valuable QSL cards away for checking, some of our own members have been appointed Local Checkpoints, and are available to verify your cards for major DXing awards. This is available for non-DX Club members, too, of course, so tell your friends. Our appointed members are:

For ARRL DXCC - Harry, W6YOO and Pat, WA6MHZ
For CQ Magazine WAZ, CQ DX, and WPX Awards - Glenn, K6NA

Please review the submittal information, and how to get forms and update your records, on the appropriate website prior to asking for local card checks.

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New Full Member

We are happy to report that WB6BFG is hereby upgraded to Full Member status, since he has now confirmed 100 countries. Congrats, Wild Bill!!

FACEBOOK

Are you a member of Face Book? If so, you are invited to join the San Diego DX Club Facebook group. You can find it at:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=53593010291>

Not a member yet, just go to facebook.com and join in.



What message is this flag conveying?